

**Town of Ferrisburgh  
Selectboard Minutes/Draft  
December 19, 2017**

**Members present:** Jim Benoit, Rick Ebel, and Steve Gutowski, Loretta Lawrence

**Members absent:** Michael Muir

**Town officials present:** Deb Healy, Treasurer

**Visitors present:** Daniel Crossman, Craig Heindel, Clark Hinsdale, Steve Huffaker, Mike Remington, Bessie Sessions

**1. 6:30 pm** – Chair – Loretta Lawrence called the meeting to order.

**2. Approve minutes** - Steve Gutowski made the motion to approve the December 5, 2017 minutes, as presented. Motion seconded by Rick Ebel. Rick Ebel, Steve Gutowski, and Loretta Lawrence voted yes. Jim Benoit abstained. Motion passes.

**3. Selectboard New Business** –

- a) **John Bull – Highway operations report.** John did not attend. He is scheduled to come to the January 2, 2018 to present his highway operations report.
- b) **Lilac Bush** – the board discussed the location of the lilac bush at the intersection of Greenbush Road and Stage Road. There have been several complaints over the years regarding the visibility at this intersection. The landowner has agreed to work with the town in moving the bush further back so that sight distance will be much improved. Loretta will contact Road Foreman, John Bull, to discuss getting this project on his lists before Spring
- c) **Copier Presentation by Office Systems of Vermont** – Mike Remington made a presentation of the different models available and quoted prices for each. This would be for a 5 (five) year lease agreement.
- d) **Clark Hinsdale – Request for appointment to the Zoning Board** – Norman Smith, Chairman of the Zoning Board, sent a letter, on behalf of the Zoning Board, requesting that the selectboard appoint Clark to the board. Jim Benoit made the motion to appoint Clark Hinsdale to the Zoning Board. His term will expire in March 2021. Steve Gutowski seconded the motion. Motion passes 4 – 0.
- e) **ACRPC Traffic Study – Plank Road** – Daniel Crossman joined the board in discussing the traffic study done by the Addison Country Regional Planning Commission. It was determined that the data from the recent study showed that the average speed was 40 mph on that particular section of road. Currently that section of road is 50 mph. The board determined that the speed limit should be changed to 40 mph. Steve Gutowski made the motion to change the posted speed limit to 40 mph from the town line at the intersection of South Middlebrook Road and also to change the warning signs from 40 mph to 30

mph. Rick Ebel seconded the motion. Motion passes 4 – 0. Loretta will contact John Bull about ordering new signage. Also, Loretta will check to see if John would contact the Town of New Haven in regards to a missing sign on their section of the road.

#### 4. **Selectboard Old Business**

There was no old business.

#### 5. **General Business –**

- a) **VT Green Line (VGL) – Committee update** - Craig Heindel presented 2 bills for approval. Jim Benoit made the motion to approve payment, in the amount of \$ 608.00, to Carroll, Boe & Pell Law Firm for services rendered. Monies to be paid out of the escrow account set aside by Vermont Green Line. Rick Ebel seconded the motion. Jim Benoit, Rick Ebel, and Loretta Lawrence voted yes. Steve Gutowski abstained. Motion passes. Rick Ebel made the motion to approve payment, in the amount of \$ 5000.00 to Benjamin Marks Law Firm for services in drafting the Host Town Agreement. Monies to be paid out of the escrow account set aside by Vermont Green Line. Motion seconded by Jim Benoit. Jim Benoit, Rick Ebel, and Loretta Lawrence voted yes. Steve Gutowski abstained. Motion passes.
- b) **Copier Leasing** – Based upon written, and verbal input, from the Town Clerk's office staff, the recommendation was to go with Office Systems of Vermont. Jim Benoit made the motion to enter into a 5 (five) year lease with Office Systems of Vermont and go with the New Toshiba e-Studio 5005AC model. Motion seconded by Rick Ebel. Motion passes 4 – 0.
- c) **Set Date for next budget work session** – The next budget work session is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 6:00 pm.
- d) **Carroll, Boe & Pell – revised billing rates** – Rick Ebel made the motion to accept the next rates Steve Gutowski seconded the motion. Rick Ebel, Steve Gutowski, and Loretta voted yes. Jim Benoit voted no. Motion passes 3 – 1.
- e) **Listers Corrections – 2017 Grand List** – Rick Ebel made the motion to correct the previous listers' correction for Thomas Sheeran and Jeniah Johnson, Parcel ID #04/01/28 from \$ 1,123,200 to corrected value of \$ 1,045,100. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. Jim Benoit, Rick Ebel, and Loretta Lawrence voted yes. Steve Gutowski voted no. Motion passes 3 – 1.  
Jim Benoit made the motion to accept the listers' correction for James and Constance Cyr, Parcel ID # 14/02/23 from \$ 555,100 to corrected value of \$ 442,600. Motion seconded by Rick Ebel. Motion passes 4 – 0.
- f) **VT Land Trust – VT Housing & Conservation Board application** – the town received notification of an application to the Vermont Land Trust.

#### 6: **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**7. Other Business**

The board reviewed the Building Maintenance Committee meeting minutes of December 6, 2017. Since Michael Muir was unable to attend and speak about the specifics, the board will put this item on the January 2, 2018 board agenda.

**8. Correspondence**

- a) The board received a copy of the revised Addendum to the Purchase & Sale Agreement (22 A & Route 7)
- b) The board received a thank you note from the Boys & Girls Club of Vergennes for their financial support at the March, 2017 Town Meeting.
- c) The board received an invitation to the January 10, 2018 budget meeting for the Asst. Judges of Addison County.

**9. Selectboard to approve or sign**

- a) Selectboard Warrants – Rick Ebel made the motion to accept the selectboard warrants, as presented, for a total of \$ 485,407.31. Steve Gutowski seconded the motion. Motion passes 4 – 0.

**10) Adjourn**

8:00 pm – Rick Ebel made the motion to adjourn. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. Motion passes 4 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Loretta Lawrence, Chair